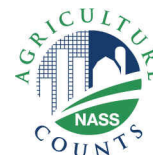




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March Milk Production down 0.1 percent

Utah Milk production totaled 162 million pounds for March 2013, down 2.4 percent from March 2012. The average number of milk cows at 90,000 head, was up 2,000 head from the previous April.

U.S. Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.4 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from March 2012. February revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was down 3.3 percent from February 2012. However, production was 0.2 percent above last year after adjusting for the leap year. The February revision represented an increase of 15 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

January - March Milk Production down 1.1 Percent

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 50.5 billion pounds, down 1.1 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

**Milk Cows and Production: By State and United States,
Preliminary January-March 2012 and 2013**

State	Apr Milk Cows ¹		Jan-Mar Milk Production ²		Change From 2012
	2011	2012	2012	2013	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	188	188	1,230	1,186	-3.6
CA	1,769	1,782	10,927	10,365	-5.1
CO	128	134	780	805	3.2
ID	578	580	3,289	3,244	-1.4
MT	14	14	74	73	-1.4
NV	29	29	167	166	-0.6
NM	329	330	2,086	2,042	-2.1
OR	121	123	619	613	-1.0
UT	88	90	484	464	-4.1
WA	260	262	1,560	1,549	-0.7
WY	6	6	30	32	7.4
US ³	9,194	9,233	51,044	50,495	-1.1

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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